

Journal
of the
Nineteenth Session
of the
Synod of the Diocese
of Athabasca



Grande Prairie
Wednesday and Thursday
The 26th and 27th days of June
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List of Clergy and Lay Workers

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese

The Right Reverend Arthur Henry Sovereign, M.A., D.D., F.R.G.S.
Bishop's Lodge, Peace River, Alberta.

CLERGY

- 9 The Ven. Archdeacon Robert Little, D.D., R.D., All Saint's, Athabasca, Alta.
68 The Rev. Canon W. B. Singleton, B.A., B.D., St. Luke's, Fort Vermilion, Alta.
PR The Rev. Gordon E. Bratt, R.D., Christ Church, Berwyn, Alberta.
PR The Rev. G. A. Crawley, L.Th., St. Mark's, High Prairie, Alberta.
PR The Rev. Robert T. Cathcart, Indian Residential School, Atikameg, Alta.
CP The Rev. K. L. Sandercock, St. Matthew's, Wembley, Alberta.
The Rev. Canon William Prior, B.A., B.D., St. Helen's, Fairview, Alberta.
The Rev. Cyrus R. Lang, St. Andrew's, Colinton, Alberta.
The Rev. Norman Calland, St. Luke's, Beaverlodge, Alberta.
The Rev. Thomas Dale Jones, Christ Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta.
The Rev. John W. Donaldson, B.A., L.Th., St. Andrew's, Spirit River, Alta.
The Rev. Frank Edward Smith, St. James' Pro-Cathedral, Peace River, Alta.
The Rev. James H. Morris, Trinity Church, Fort Norman, N.W.T.
The Rev. N. Burgomaster, B.A., Fort Chipewyan, Alberta.
The Rev. Samuel J. Bell, St. James', Hines Creek, Alberta.
The Rev. R. A. E. Ruch, B.A., L.Th., St. John's, Fort McMurray, Alberta.
The Rev. S. Eric Richards, Hay River, N.W.T.
The Rev. S. G. Cook, B.A., R.D., Fort Simpson, N.W.T.
The Rev. D. G. Huether, B.A., Goldfields, Sask.
The Rev. Arthur Lord, L.Th., Church of the Good Shepherd, Mirror Landing.
The Rev. C. N. Middleton, B.A., St. John's, Wabasca, Alta.
The Rev. B. J. Thorpe, M.A., Goodwin, Alberta.
The Rev. Cecil Randell, B.A., L.Th., Yellowknife, N.W.T.
The Rev. H. E. Webb, Sexsmith, Alberta.

On Leave:

- Rev. H. L. Jennings, B.A.
Rev. Hugh Witticks Lamberton, L.Th.
Rev. C. G. Kehler, B.A.
Rev. F. R. Groat, B.A.,
Rev. Canon W. Prior, B.A., B.D., Chaplain to 4th Casualty Clearing Station,
First Division.

EXAMINING CHAPLAIN

- Rev. B. J. Thorpe, M.A., Goodwin, Alberta.

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN

- Rev. G. A. Crawley, High Prairie, Alberta.

RURAL DEANS

- Athabasca, Ven. Archdeacon Little, D.D., Athabasca, Alberta.
Mackenzie River, The Rev. H. G. Cook, B.A., Fort Simpson, N.W.T.
Peace River, Rev. Gordon E. Bratt, Berwyn, Alberta.
Grande Prairie, Rev. T. Dale Jones, Grande Prairie, Alberta.

STIPENDIARY LAY READER

- Mr. A. Chapman, L.Th., North Star, Alberta.

HONORARY LAY READERS

- Peace River: Mr. H. A. George, Dr. F. H. Sutherland, Mr. S. Young; Wem-
bley: Capt. A. E. Roberts, M.C.; Grande Prairie: Mr. F. M. Sanger-
Davies; Clairmont: Mr. E. V. Bergin; Three Lakes: Mr. Thomas

Smart; Beaverlodge: Mr. Arthur Funnell, Mr. R. C. Robson; Atikameg: Mr. Benjamin B. Whitford, Mr. J. W. Reynolds; Athabasca: Mr. Horace Dunster; Fairview: Mr. W. J. MacArthur; McLennan: Mr. E. Houndle; High Prairie: Mr. Richard P. Butler; Faust: Mr. Kenneth B. Thomson.

CHANCELLOR

His Honour, Judge Bury, M.A., K.C., Bank of Toronto Bldg., Edmonton, Alta.

REGISTRAR

Mr. W. Dixon Craig, K.C., Macleod Bldg., Edmonton, Alberta.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Rt. Rev. A. H. Sovereign, M.A., D.D., (Chairman).

The Ven. Archdeacon R. Little, D.D. (Treasurer).

The Rev. F. E. Smith.

The Rev. T. Dale Jones.

Chancellor Bury, M.A., K.C.

Registrar Craig, K.C.

Mr. E. W. Sanger-Davies.

HONORARY SECRETARY OF SYNOD

The Rev. F. E. Smith, St. James' Pro-Cathedral, Peace River, Alberta.

AUDITOR

Mr. Norman Soars, Peace River, Alberta.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

Mr. G. T. Pattison, of Wycliffe College, to Cherry Point, Alberta.

The Rev. A. St. Clair Neeld, B.A., Grassland, Alberta.

Mr. Roland Hill, of Wycliffe College, to Lac La Biche, Alberta.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE WEST (Montreal Branch)

Rev. B. J. Thorpe, M.A., of the Diocese of Montreal.

Mr. Robert Evans, of Montreal.

LADY WORKERS

The Wives of the Clergy.

Miss Grace Reeves, Miss Florence E. Johnson, Miss Elliot of St. Nicholas Van, Athabasca.

Miss Heloise Niven, Miss Mary Bayly, St. Alban's Van, Peace River.

Miss Alice Stanton, Miss Joan Standfast, St. Wilfred's Van, Fairview.

Miss Janet Lawrence, Miss D. Burrit, St. Oswald's Van, Grande Prairie.

Miss Seaman, Miss Eastwood, St. Nicholas House, Fairview.

Whitefish Lake, (Atikameg P.O.) St. Andrew's School, Miss I. Irons, R.N.,

Miss Rhoda Swift, Miss D. Grainger.

Wabasca, St. John's School, Miss E. Turner, Miss L. Hotvedt, Miss K. Beanland, R.N.

Hay River Hospital, Nurse W. Neville.

Keg River, Dr. Mary Percy Jackson, Miss Winifred Lawrence.

Hondo, Nurse Drummond Hay.

North Star, Miss S. Steward, Miss N. Schroot.

Grimshaw, Miss J. Sewell.

Faust, Miss M. Stockford.

Athabasca, Bishop Young Hostel, Miss Nott.

McLennan, Miss Grundy.

Little Smoky, Miss E. Q. Calvert.

Lac La Biche, Miss Wood, Deaconess.

Grassland, Miss Barlee.

Cherry Point, Miss Burke, R.N., Miss Flower.

Bishop Bompas Memorial Hospital, Fort Norman, Matron, Miss F. Smith, R.N., Kitchen Matron, Mrs. W. H. Allison.

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IN CANADA: Rev. J. W. Minto Swan, M.A., B.D., Vancouver, B.C.; Rev. G. P. Gower, B.A., Edmonton, Alberta; Rt. Rev. R. J. Renison, D.D., Toronto, Ontario; Rev. R. K. Naylor, B.A., Montreal, P.Q.; Ven. T. W. Savary, D.D., Halifax, N.S.; Rev. G. H. Dowker, M.A., St. George's Church, Winnipeg, Man.

IN ENGLAND: Rt. Rev. E. F. Robins, D.D., Wymondham, Norfolk; Rev. F. Stone, M.A., East Worldham Vicarage, Alton, Hants; Rev. B. F. Hinde, M.A., M.C., Cauldwell Hall Road, Ipswich; Rev. J. Mervyn Glass, M.A., Holy Trinity Vicarage, Cheltenham, Glos.

Dr. F. H. Sutherland, Peace River, Alberta, Medical Examiner for Pension Board.

Journal of Proceedings
of the
Nineteenth Session
of the Synod of the
Diocese of Athabasca

First Day

Grande Prairie, Alta., June 26, 1940.

Pursuant to notice the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca assembled in Christ Church at 9.00 a.m.

The Holy Communion was celebrated by Archdeacon Little, D.D., assisted by Rev. T. Dale Jones and Rev. F. E. Smith.

MORNING SESSION

The Right Rev. A. H. Sovereign, M.A., D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of Athabasca having summoned the Nineteenth Session of the Synod to meet at Grande Prairie on Wednesday, June 26th, 1940 A. D., the members assembled in Speke hall at 10.00 a.m. and the Bishop having called the meeting to order, opened with prayer.

Moved by Rev. A. Lord that Rev. F. E. Smith be elected Honorary Secretary of the Synod.

There being no other nominations the Rev. F. E. Smith was declared elected and instructed to commence duties at once.

The Secretary called the roll of the clergy and the following being present answered to their names: Archdeacon Little, Reverends C. R. Lang, K. L. Sandercock, T. D. Jones, S. J. Bell, H. E. Webb, F. E. Smith, N. Calland, C. Kehler, B. J. Thorpe, A. Lord, C. Randell, G. Bratt, J. Donaldson.

The following clerical members of the Synod were absent: Reverends Canon Prior, Canon Singleton, G. A. Crawley, S. E. Richards, C. N. Middleton, H. G. Cook, H. L. Jennings, R. T. Cathcart, R. A. E. Ruch, H. G. Huether, J. Morris, H. W. Lamberton.

The Secretary then called the names of the lay delegates, and the following were present: Colinton, B. Suddards, W. Drew; Peace River, H. Johnston; Wembley, F. Frewer, Capt. A. E. Roberts; High Prairie, R. P. Butler, E. Houndle; Athabasca, H. Dunster, E. C. Lewis, C. H. Conquest; Beaverlodge, A. Funnell; Grande Prairie, F. M. Sanger-Davies, P. J. Tooley; Fairview, W. J. MacArthur, H. Bartlett; Sexsmith, H. Lawrence; Berwyn, C. J. Johnson, Hines Creek, G. Bacon; Goodwin, E. J. Davies, R. A. Moody; Hythe, J. A. McCann; Spirit River, J. Weberg.

The Secretary reported that fourteen (14) clerical delegates and twenty-two (22) Lay Delegates were present, consisting a quorum in each order.

The Bishop declared the Synod constituted.

Moved by the Rev. B. J. Thorpe, and seconded by Rev. F. E. Smith, that Mr. Evans be given a seat on the floor of the house. Carried.

Moved by Rev. T. D. Jones and seconded by Rev. H. E. Webb, that Rev. N. Burgomaster be given a seat on the floor of the house. Carried.

Moved by Rev. F. E. Smith and seconded by Mr. H. Dunster, "that the minutes of the 18th Session of the Synod, held at Peace River, on the 29th and 30th days of June, 1938, and as printed in the Synod Journal, be adopted." Carried.

Rev. C. R. Lang and Mr. F. Frewer were appointed a Committee on Credentials.

Rev. S. J. Bell, and Mr. H. Conquest were appointed as the Press Committee.

Lady visitors were welcomed by His Lordship, Miss Scaman and Miss Eastwood of the Sunday School by Post, and the two Van Workers, Miss Burrit and Miss Janet Lawrence.

The Bishop then delivered his charge. (Appendix A).

The Rev. K. L. Sandercock and Mr. MacArthur were elected a Committee of two to consider the Bishop's charge and bring in a written report.

The Nominating Committee was then elected with the following personnel: Rev. T. D. Jones, Rev. G. Bratt, Mr. H. Dunster.

Rev. J. W. Donaldson, Rev. C. R. Lang, and Mr. E. Houndle were elected a committee of three to present a unified report on "Thanks, Greetings and Memorials."

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 11.45.

An enjoyable lunch was served by the ladies.

First Day

AFTERNOON SITTING

The Synod re-assembled at 2 p.m. The Bishop opened with prayer. The Reports from the Executive Committee were then read by the Rev. F. E. Smith. The first was a report on Land Transfers. This dealt with land obtained since the last Synod.

Moved by Rev. F. E. Smith and seconded by Mr. E. J. Davies that this report be received and adopted. Carried.

The next was a Report on Land Leases, held by the Diocese. (Appendix C).

Moved by Rev. F. E. Smith and seconded by Rev. T. D. Jones that this report be received and adopted. Carried.

The "Ten Acre Plots" were then discussed. Rev. G. Bratt gave a report on the property located at Berwyn, Brownvale, and Griffin Creek.

Rev. H. E. Webb, reported on the Ten Acre Plots located in the Parish of Sexsmith. Mr. Webb and his wardens felt that this land which is located at Buffalo Lakes will in the near future be divided into town plots, owing to the fact that a Hamlet is growing up around it.

Motion by Rev. F. E. Smith seconded by Archdeacon Little, that a committee of two be appointed by the Bishop to inquire into the status of Women Workers with regard to Synodical representation at Synodical bodies. Carried.

His Lordship then appointed the Rev. G. Bratt and Rev. C. R. Lang to bring in a complete report at the next Synod.

The Archdeacon then reported on the Apportionments for the year 1940, most of which show an increase. Moved by Archdeacon Little, seconded by Rev. K. L. Sandercock that the report on Apportionments be received and adopted. Carried unanimously.

The report of the Committee on Missionary Education was presented by Rev. K. L. Sandercock. Moved by Rev. K. L. Sandercock, seconded by Rev. T. D. Jones, that this report be received and adopted. Carried. (Appendix D).

The meeting closed with prayer led by His Lordship. The session adjourned at 5 p.m.

The members of the Synod and their friends met in Speke Hall for a very enjoyable social evening. Archdeacon Little acted as chairman; addresses were given by Chancellor Bury, Mr. George Pattison, student missionary at Cherry Point, and Rev. Cecil Randell, missionary-in-charge at the mining town of Yellowknife. These fine speeches, combined with the musical numbers and a dainty lunch were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Second Day

At 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion was celebrated in Christ Church with the Rev. C. R. Lang as celebrant, assisted by Rev. H. E. Webb and Rev. A. Lord.

MORNING SESSION

The Synod re-assembled at 10.00 a.m. The Bishop called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

The report of the Committee on Credentials was received and adopted. Moved by Rev. C. R. Lang, seconded by Rev. T. D. Jones.

The Minutes of the First Day of Synod were read and on motion, Rev. F. E. Smith and Mr. H. Dunster, were adopted as amended.

Moved by Rev. N. Calland, seconded by Mr. H. Dunster, and resolved that Mr. Robson be given a seat on the floor of the house.

Rev. K. L. Sandercock read the report of the Committee to consider the Bishop's Charge. The Committee acknowledged the recommendation of Archdeacon Little, that the first six pages of the Bishop's Charge be typed and sent to each Parish to be read aloud in the Churches. In view of this action the Committee did not take this portion of the Charge into consideration. (Appendix E).

Moved by Rev. K. L. Sandercock, seconded by Mr. R. P. Butler and resolved, "This Committee wishes to place on record the Synod's sincere appreciation of the most thoughtful and inspiring Charge, which His Lordship has presented in this time of great crisis."

This motion was put to the House by Archdeacon Little, who also added a few words expressing the feeling of the whole Diocese regarding the work of His Lordship. This was passed with a standing vote, and hearty applause.

Motion by Rev. K. L. Sandercock and Mr. R. P. Butler "That this report be taken up clause by clause." Carried.

As a result the following substantive motion was moved by Rev. K. L. Sandercock and Rev. G. Bratt. "Whereas there is a great need for native born workers in all branches of Christian Work, especially in the Ministry, be it resolved that the Clergy make known publicly this need. Also that they point out that candidates may obtain financial assistance where necessary. Also that Lay men and Lay women lay before young people the opportunities open for service in the Church. Carried.

Motion re broadcasting. Moved by Rev. C. R. Lang and Rev. K. L. Sandercock, to be re-written by the Bishop, Chancellor Bury and Archdeacon Little.

Moved by Mr. MacArthur, seconded by Rev. K. L. Sandercock, "That 50 copies of the first six pages of the Bishop's Charge be mimeographed, and given to each member of the Synod to be read in Churches." Carried.

His Lordship spoke on the matter of Church grounds, mentioning the great improvement which has been made in the past few years, mentioning especially the grounds of the Berwyn Church.

Moved by Mr. MacArthur and Mr. E. Houndle, "That this Synod now in session grant power to the Executive Committee to provide the necessary expenditure in beautifying the cemetery grounds of the old Shaftesbury Mission." Carried.

The Bishop appointed Rev. J. Donaldson a committee of one to gather information regarding the historical association of Dunvegan with the Church.

Moved by Mr. MacArthur and Archdeacon Little "That an Archives Committee be appointed by the Bishop consisting of three members, a written report to be presented at the next Synod." Carried.

Archdeacon Little then read the report of the Executive Committee on the insurance of Church property, regarding the matter of placing all Diocesan insurance with Lloyd's of London. Moved by Rev. C. Kehler and Rev. N. Calland that this report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Mr. C. Conquest and Rev. F. E. Smith that the session adjourn for one hour in order to allow the Clergy and Laymen to meet in separate groups. Carried.

The morning session adjourned with prayer.

Second Day

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Synod re-assembled at 2.00 p.m. The afternoon session opened with prayer, led by the Bishop. The financial report for 1938 was then presented by Archdeacon Little. (Appendix B). Upon a motion by Archdeacon Little and Rev. G. Bratt, this report was received and adopted.

The Financial Report for 1939 was then presented by Archdeacon Little. (Appendix B). Upon a motion by Archdeacon Little and Rev. N. Calland this was received and adopted.

Archdeacon Little then presented the Pension Fund report. This was received and adopted upon a motion by Archdeacon Little and Rev. K. L. Sandercock.

Mr. H. Dunster then presented the report of the Nominating Committee. Moved by Rev. H. E. Webb and seconded by Rev. K. L. Sandercock, "That the first clergyman named for the M.S.C.C., G.B.R.E., and C.S.S. be named the delegate. Carried.

The only departments to receive further nominations were for the Lay section of the General Synod, and for the executive council. His Lordship then declared the following elected.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: Rev. F. E. Smith, Rev. T. D. Jones; Lay, Dr. F. H. Sutherland, Mr. E. W. Sanger-Davies; ex officio, Chancellor Bury; Registrar W. Dixon Craig, Ven. Archdeacon Little.

DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD: Ven. Archdeacon Little, Rev. G. Bratt; substitutes: Rev. T. D. Jones, Rev. F. E. Smith. Lay: Chancellor Bury, Mr. J. W. MacArthur; substitutes: Dr. F. H. Sutherland, Mr. R. P. Butler.

M.S.C.C., G.B.R.E., C.S.S.: Ven. Archdeacon Little; substitutes: Rev. G. Bratt, Rev. T. D. Jones, Rev. F. E. Smith. Lay: Chancellor Bury, Mr. J. W. MacArthur, Dr. Sutherland.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD: Ven. Archdeacon Little, Rev. T. D. Jones, Rev. G. A. Crawley, Rev. C. R. Lang; substitutes: Rev. A. Lord, Rev. H. E. Webb, Rev. R. A. E. Ruch, Rev. S. J. Bell. Lay: Chancellor Bury, Mr. H. Dunster, Mr. R. P. Butler, Mr. H. Bartlett; substitutes: Capt. Roberts, Mr. E. Houndle, Mr. P. J. Tooley, Mr. C. Conquest.

CANONS AND CONSTITUTIONS: Ven Archdeacon Little, Registrar W. Dixon Craig, Chancellor Bury, Mr. F. Pottage.

DIOCESAN BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Rev. T. D. Jones, Chairman; Rev. C. R. Lang, Secretary; Rev. R. A. E. Ruch. Lay: Mr. C. Conquest, Mr. F. W. Sanger-Davies, Mr. W. J. MacArthur.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE: Rev. S. J. Bell, Chairman; Rev. H. E. Webb, Secretary; Rev. C. R. Lang. Lay: Mr. E. Houndle, Dr. F. H. Sutherland, Mr. H. Dunster.

The Bishop called for the reports from the Rural Deans. (Appendix F).

The report of Rural Dean Crawley of the Deanery of Mackenzie River was read by the Secretary.

Upon a motion by Rev. F. E. Smith and Rev. G. Bratt this was received and adopted.

At this juncture His Lordship announced the appointment of Rev. H. G. Cook, as Rural Dean of Mackenzie River Deanery.

Ven. Archdeacon Little, as Rural Dean of Athabasca, then read his report. This was received and adopted upon a motion by himself, and Rev. G. Bratt.

The report from the Grande Prairie Deanery was then read by Rural Dean Jones. Moved by Rev. T. D. Jones and Rev. N. Calland that this report be received and adopted. Carried.

The report from the Peace River Deanery was read by the Secretary. Moved by Rev. F. E. Smith and Rev. A. Lord that this report be received and adopted. Carried.

Moved by Rev. F. E. Smith, seconded by Mr. E. Houndle "That Miss Seaman and Miss Eastwood, of the Sunday School by Post, be given seats on the floor of the house." Carried.

The report of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education was read, and upon a motion by Rev. T. D. Jones and Mr. Sanger-Davies, this was received and adopted. (Appendix G).

Miss Seaman presented the report from the Sunday School by Post. This was received and adopted as part of the Examining Chaplain's Report. (Appendix H).

Motion by Mr. R. P. Butler, seconded by Mr. Weberg, "That the workers of the Sunday School by Post each year furnish the Record of each Parish with a list of the children receiving Sunday School Papers in their Parishes. The same to be closely scanned by them and their Church Wardens, in order that they may not only delete unnecessary names, but also add thereto." Carried.

The report of the Diocesan Council for Social Service was read and upon a motion by the Rev. S. J. Bell and Rev. J. Donaldson, was received and adopted. (Appendix I).

Moved by Mr. E. Houndle, and seconded by Archdeacon Little, "Whereas in view of the very serious condition now existing, being one that will undoubtedly be extremely aggravated through the course of this war, causing the necessary evacuation overseas, and Whereas, it is extremely important to our Church individually (and other Protestant organizations as well) to see that Anglican children be evacuated to Protestant and where possible, Anglican homes. Therefore be it resolved; that this Synod go on record as urging on the Executive of the General Synod, Canon Tackaberry and Dr. Judd, the closest and most harmonious conjunction with the Mother Country to this end."

And be it further resolved; that a committee be appointed in this Diocese, to act in conjunction with the Bishop, which will without delay get to work on this matter, as one of immediate and increasing urgency. Carried.

Mr. E. Houndle then read the report of the Laymen's Meeting, which summarized is as follows:

Officers: Chairman, Mr. H. Dunster, Secretary, Mr. E. Houndle.

a. A hearty endorsement of the work of the Bishop, Archdeacon Little, and the Clergy of the Diocese.

b. A vote of thanks and appreciation of the work of Chancellor Bury.

- c. A message of greeting to Miss Hasell, the Sunday School by Post Workers and Van Workers, Mrs. Little, and all W.A. Workers in the Diocese.
 - d. Motion as recorded re Sunday School by Post.
 - e. The Church must not be a separate department in life.
 - f. More frequent exchange of pulpits.
- Moved by Mr. E. Houndle and seconded by Mr. R. P. Butler, that this report be received and adopted. Carried.
- The afternoon session adjourned at 6.00 p.m. for dinner.

Second Day

EVENING SITTING

The meeting re-opened at 7.00 p.m. with prayer.

Moved by Mr. MacArthur, seconded by Rev. A. Lord, "That this Synod vote an Honorarium of \$25.00 to the Secretary of the Synod." Carried.

Moved by Capt. Roberts, and Rev. S. J. Bell, "That the Minutes of the Nineteenth Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca be printed." Carried.

Rev. J. Donaldson presented the following report on "Thanks," Greetings and Memorials."

"Resolved that we, the Nineteenth Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca, place on record our thanks, and appreciation of the following:

The Right Rev. A. H. Sovereign, M.A., D.D., our very beloved Bishop, for his so very able continued efforts on our behalf.

The Ven. Archdeacon R. Little on account of his untiring efforts as Treasurer of the Diocese, which duties do not apparently interfere with his own duties as Parish Priest.

Chancellor Bury for his continued devotion to the affairs of the Diocese.

Registrar Dixon Craig with particular reference to his splendid work in connection with the compiling of the inventory of Diocesan property.

Mr. Norman Soars, Auditor, Peace River.

Miss Hasell and Miss Sayle, the various Van Workers, the Sunday School by Post Workers, those handling relief clothing and other endless avenues of service at Trinity Hall, Winnipeg.

The Fellowship of the West, Montreal Branch, with particular reference to Goodwin.

The M.S.C.C., the Executive, especially including Rev. Canon Dixon, D.D., and Mr. F. G. Venables of the Western Appeal.

The Colonial and Continental Church Society.

The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

The Fellowship of the Maple Leaf.

The General Board of Religious Education.

The Council for Social Service.

The President, Mrs. Wodehouse, the Treasurer, Mrs. Donaldson, and the Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Lucas, of the Dominion W.A.

The President of the Diocesan W.A., Mrs. R. Little.

The President and members of Christ Church W.A., Grande Prairie.

S. J. Attenborough, Esq.

The Anonymous Donor, with special reference to the generous contribution made to the Bishop Bompas Memorial Hospital at Fort Norman.

The Press, including "The Athabasca Echo," "Grande Prairie Tribune" and "The Peace River Record-Gazette."

Radio station CFGP.

Greetings to:

All absent Clergy of the Diocese.

The Primate.

Archbishop Harding.

Right Rev. E. F. Robins, and also to the Bishops of our neighbouring Dioceses Burgett and Rix, who are ill.

Bishop and Mrs. Renison.

Mrs. White, widow of Canon White.

Mrs. Lucas, widow of Bishop Lucas.

Mrs. McElheran, widow of Dr. McElheran.

Declaration of Loyalty to:

His Majesty The King.

His Excellency the Governor General, Lord Athlone.

The Prime Minister, The Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King.

Moved by Rev. J. Donaldson and seconded by Rev. G. Bratt "That the report of the Committee on Thanks, Greetings and Memorials, be adopted as amended." Carried.

Moved by Rev. F. E. Smith and seconded by Chancellor Bury, "That a sincere vote of thanks be tendered to Rev. and Mrs. T. D. Jones, also the Wardens, W.A., and Vestry of Christ Church, Grande Prairie, for their kindness, help and generosity, during the Nineteenth Session of the Synod." Carried.

The following letter was sent to His Majesty the King, through the Secretary of State, Ottawa:

To The King's Most Excellent Majesty:

We, the Bishop, the Clergy and the Laity of the Diocese of Athabasca of the Church of England in Canada, assembled at Grande Prairie, Alberta, in the Nineteenth Session of the Synod of the Diocese, wish to convey to Your Majesty this expression of our loyalty to you, Our Gracious King, in this hour of crisis.

We renew our pledge of loyalty to the Empire of which we form a part, and to the great principles for which our Empire stands.

We promise to Your Majesty our fullest co-operation in this great task which faces us, and we pray that God may be with us.

We remain, with the profoundest veneration,

Your Majesty's most faithful and devoted servants,

A. H. SOVEREIGN, Bishop.

F. E. SMITH, Honorary Secretary.

Moved by Rev. T. D. Jones and Rev. A. Lord that the session do now adjourn. Carried.

At 7.30 p.m. the Bishop closed the Session with prayer, remembering especially those Clergymen who were absent, and the hard task before our Church and nation. This was followed by the singing of the Doxology.

At 8.00 p.m. the Clergy and Lay Delegates filed in procession for the Synod Service in Christ Church. Participating in the service were the Ven. Robert Little, Rev. T. D. Jones, Rev. K. L. Sandercock, Rev. C. Randell, the sermon was preached by Rev. B. J. Thorpe. His Lordship pronounced the Benediction.

At 9.30 p.m. Rev. K. L. Sandercock demonstrated in Speke Hall the use of the Movie Projector as an aid to Church work.

The whole Session was marked by the high spiritual plane of all the proceedings, and the very good fellowship.

(APPENDIX A)

The Bishop's Charge

Reverend Brethren of the Clergy,
Brethren of the Laity,

The Nineteenth Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Athabasca opens at a time of great crisis,—and yet it opens with a trust in Almighty God. As I write this, Mr. Winston Churchill thus speaks to the Empire and to the world:

"The news from France is very bad, and I grieve for the gallant people who have fallen into this terrible misfortune. Nothing will alter our feelings towards them in our faith that the genius of France will rise again.

"What has happened in France makes no difference to British faith and purpose. We have become the sole champion now in arms to defend the world cause. We shall do our best to be worthy of this high honour. We shall defend our island home, and with the British Empire around us, we shall fight on unconquerable until the curse of Hitler is lifted from the brows of men.

"We are sure that in the end all will come out right."

"We have before us an ordeal of the most grievous kind. We have before us many, many long months of struggle and of suffering. You ask what is our policy? I will say: 'It is to wage war, by sea, land and air, with all our might and with all the strength that God can give us, and to wage war against a monstrous tyranny, never surpassed in the dark, lamentable catalogue of human crime.'"

It is a time of great anxiety and of deep worry yet we must not for a moment waver or lose our hold on the great eternal things for which our Empire has ever stood,—for which our nation has ever lived and for which brave men today are called to sacrifice their all, even their lives. These are days of sacred solemnity and of far-reaching destinies. Today there will be chosen the trails along which humanity will march for the next thousand years. We stand too close to these days of crisis and of judgment to see them in their right perspective. A great mountain peak can best be seen in all of its majestic grandeur not by standing at its base but by looking at it from afar. Thus will historians of the future see these great and terrible days. We are fighting not simply for liberty and freedom, but for Christian civilization itself.

May I quote from the address of the Archbishop of Canterbury delivered only a month ago to the members of the convocation of Canterbury assembled at the Church House in dear old London.

"It is difficult for us to think of anything but the tremendous crisis in which our country and its allies, and, indeed, the freedom and civilization of the world, now stand. As we meet quietly here, great battles are being waged. Those who know best do not hesitate to describe them as the most fateful which have ever occurred in the long story of our nation's life.

"This is no occasion for words. It is firmness of heart, strength of will, confidence of faith, that we need. Mere exhortations to fortitude are almost an impertinence, for these are the very qualities that the British folk have by the force of some inherited instinct always summoned in times of danger. They will be sorely tried now; I am sure they will not be found wanting. We dare not trust in ourselves alone. As we watch the surge and rush of the power of evil, we must put our trust in the Name of the Lord, and stay upon our God.

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"The Church could fulfil a great service at the present time by carrying out in the hearts and homes of the people and in the Churches its ministry of continuous prayer. With this ministry of prayer must always go the ministry of worship. Prayer was apt to try to bring God down to men for help; worship tried to raise men up to God for His glory. At this time the Church could render no greater service to the nation than by lifting the minds of its people above all the things which were so manifestly being shaken to the things which remained unshaken,—God's sovereignty, His revelation of Himself in Christ, the abiding reality of His grace in Word and Sacrament. It was from those things that they would most fully gain their steadfastness and strength."

How true these words are.

What can we do in this Frontier Land,—for the present at least, far away from the actual arena of the struggle,—what can we do that we may play our part manfully and well. First, let us put our trust in Almighty God. May we often turn to the 46th Psalm and read and re-read it, for it would seem as if it were written for our own day in particular,—“God is our hope and strength: a very present help in trouble.” I believe that we can truthfully and sincerely say,—the Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Let us do all in our power by word and deed to touch the minds and hearts of all around with the spirit of hope and of confidence and of strength. Let us not face the ordeal which lies before us with any spirit of easy optimism and at the same time let us not face it in the spirit of defeatism. The way may be long and arduous,—the trail may be steep and hard,—but we will carry on, heart within and God o'er head. A friend said to Job of old,—“Thy words have kept men on their feet.” May these words be used of us today. May I quote two sentences from the broadcast of His Majesty the King on Empire day,—“At this fateful hour we turn, as our fathers before us have turned in all times of trial, to God the Most High. Let us with one heart and soul humbly but confidently submit our cause to God and ask His aid that we may valiantly defend the right as it is given to us to see it.

“So now, peoples of the Empire, men and women in all quarters of the globe, I say to you: Put into your task, whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshaken. Let us go forward to that as one man, a smile on our lips and our heads held high, and with God's help we shall not fail.”

Second, the Church through her ministers and through all of her members, through all the followers of Christ everywhere, calls men and women to the Cross of Christ. It must be a time in which we reconsecrate ourselves to the Lord of Lords and the King of Kings. It is a time when we must go forth with the Message of the Evangel, the trumpet call of good tidings to all mankind, salvation and peace through Jesus Christ. Two weeks from now a special Mission is being held in this Diocese and a School of Evangelism is planned for all the Clergy and Christian Workers of the Diocese, time when we may learn more of our Master,—when we may learn more of the spirit of Christ and the principles of His Kingdom and a time when we shall witness by word and deed to Christ and the power of His resurrection.

To this great work,—to this magnificent task,—I call you all. God grant that we may not fail. Let us not complain that we have been placed on this earth in a time when we must bear heavy burdens and carry heavy loads. Rather, let us thank God that He has honoured us as a generation to be chosen to stand in the front trenches and fight against the powers of evil. The finest and bravest soldiers are always chosen for the places of greatest danger. God grant that we may not fail nor even falter. The Peace River

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Country, we know, is willing to give its best. Already scores of our young men have volunteered for the various departments of the fighting forces and many more are willing to go. The Prime Minister of Canada and our Dominion Parliament have very wisely asked for a general plan of conscription both of manpower and of industry and of wealth. The Diocese has been honoured by the Principal Chaplain, our own Bishop Wells, in the call of the Rev. Canon William Prior, B.A., B.D., to a Chaplaincy in the First Division. In a sense, he will represent us and this Diocese in a very real and tangible way. We will not forget him; we will pray for him and we will keep in touch with him week by week. We will join with the Red Cross in all of its many avenues of service and of activity. We will support every call for funds as approved by the Dominion Cabinet. We will stand fast. With our backs to the wall, we will not flinch. It has so often been true that Britons fight best and give most when they are faced with a great emergency. That day has now come.

We now come to the changes in the Clerical Staff of the Diocese covering the two years since we met at the last Synod in Peace River.

REMOVALS

Rev. Canon Pierce, M.A., from Christ Church, Grande Prairie to the Diocese of Columbia.

Rev. Sidney W. Semple, B.A., from the parish of Beavelodge to the Diocese of Huron.

Rev. A. F. LeDieu, B.A., from the Parish of Wembley to England.

Rev. S. G. West, B.A., transferred from the Parish of High Prairie to the Diocese of Calgary.

ADDITIONS TO THE STAFF

Rev. Arthur Lord, ordained Deacon and then Priest and placed in charge of the Parish of Clear Hills-Battle River.

Rev. C. G. Kehler, B.A., ordained Deacon and placed in charge of the Parish of Mirror Landing-Slave Lake.

Rev. Cecil Randell, B.A., ordained Deacon and licenced to the Parish of Yellowknife as the first ordained Clergyman at that Post.

Rev. James H. Morris, ordained Priest for this Diocese by the Most Rev. Archbishop Owen on Trinity Sunday in Toronto, and has been licenced to the Mission Post of Fort Norman, N.W.T.

Rev. Norman Calland, received from the Diocese of Saskatchewan to this Diocese and has been inducted to the Parish of Beaverlodge.

Rev. B. J. Thorpe, M.A., has been received from the Diocese of Montreal and has been placed in charge of the new Sturgeon Lake Parish with its centre at Goodwin. The manning of this Parish has been made possible through the interest and generosity of the Fellowship of the West, Montreal Branch.

CHANGES WITHIN THE DIOCESE

Rev. Cyrus R. Lang from the Parish of Mirror Landing-Slave Lake to the Parish of Colinton.

Rev. T. Dale Jones from the Parish of Colinton to Grande Prairie.

Rev. F. E. Smith from the Parish of Clear Hills-Battle River to the Parish of Peace River.

Rev. G. A. Crawley from Fort Chipewyan to the Parish of High Prairie.

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DEATHS

I regret to record three deaths.

Rev. Canon W. G. White, who passed away at Edmonton, Sunday evening, June 4th, 1939. His life and work have been very closely connected with the early days of Church work in the Northland. In July 1894 he joined the Diocese of Athabasca under Bishop Young, going to Whitefish Lake by horse-back to take charge of St. Andrew's Mission. In January 1895 with two dog teams along with Ominiack as guide, he went to Wabasca to open St. John's Mission at that Northern Post. He was ordained Deacon in September 1895 and ordained Priest in June 1896. He was married to Miss Louise Wooster at Athabasca Landing in September 1896 by Bishop Young. Archdeacon Scott, the father of Mrs. Sheridan Lawrence, was also present. His life was very closely connected with St. Peter's Mission Indian School at Lesser Slave Lake (Grouard) and with the Indian School at Whitefish Lake. In May 1912 he set out for Athabasca Landing, travelling by wagon around the north shore of Lesser Slave Lake, then by canoe to Mirror Landing, then by steamer to Athabasca Landing to take charge of All Saints Church and Mission. In 1917 Mr. and Mrs. White moved to High Prairie to take charge of St. Mark's Church at that place. At the Diocesan Synod Jubilee in 1924 Mr. White was made an Honorary Canon of the Diocese and Mrs. White was made a life member of the W.A. He remained at High Prairie until July 1933, when he resigned from active service in the Diocese of Athabasca and was superannuated. His family consisted of three daughters and two sons. Mrs. White lives in Edmonton.

Rt. Rev. James Richard Lucas. The passing of Bishop Lucas to Higher Service leaves this Mission bereft of one of its most devoted and loyal incumbents. As a teacher, Deacon, Priest and Bishop he served the people of Fort Chipewyan for twenty-two years out of the thirty-five years that he spent in the North. The other fifteen he spent at Fort Simpson.

He arrived in Fort Chipewyan on August 11th, 1891, hoping to meet Bishop Young and be ordained there. He was ordained Deacon in 1892 and priested the next year. In July of that year he went up the river to the Grand Rapids and was married on the spot where he met his bride, on an island in the middle of the river by which they were to spend so much of their lives. He continued there for eight years without taking a furlough. Then he went to Fort Simpson in 1900 where he remained until 1913. He was consecrated Bishop on August 31st, 1913, and made his headquarters at Chipewyan which had been transferred to the Diocese of Mackenzie River from Athabasca by arrangement with Bishop Robins. His duties were many and varied. During the years of the war he was not only Bishop but Priest and School Teacher as well. In spite of this he found time to doctor the sick and attend to such matters as land titles and other legal matters for all the Fort. Greatly beloved and highly respected by all, he holds a very warm place in the memory of everyone at Chipewyan. He resigned as Bishop in March 1926 and retired to Toronto where for several years he was connected with the Church Army.

Mrs. E. F. Robins, wife of the Rt. Rev. E. F. Robins, who for many years was Bishop in this Diocese.

We record with gratitude their faithful labours for Christ and His Church. Their names will be ever remembered in this Diocese.

"Now the labourer's task is o'er,
Now the battle day is past,
Now upon the farther shore,
Lands the voyager at last.
Father in Thy sacred keeping
Leave me now Thy servants sleeping."

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It has been my pleasure as Bishop to honour two faithful Clergymen of this Diocese, the Rev. W. B. Singleton, B.A., and the Rev. William Prior, B.A., B.D., who have been made Honorary Canons of the Cathedral and of this Diocese.

HONORARY LAY READERS

It has been my pleasure to name the following as Lay Readers of the Diocese: W. J. MacArthur of Fairview Parish, E. Houndle of McLennan, Richard Percy Butler of High Prairie, and Kenneth B. Thomson of Faust.

We are deeply indebted to the faithful and efficient labours of these Lay Readers of the Diocese of Athabasca.

NEW CHURCHES

The following Churches have been consecrated since last Synod.

Holy Trinity Church, Grassland, the gift of Holy Trinity Church, Scarborough, England.

All Saints, Cherry Point, the gift of Miss Eva Hasell and friends.

Church at Waterways, gift of Miss Cadman-Jones, of London, England.

St. Stephen's Church, Mount Star, the gift of a friend in St. Stephen's Church, Wandsworth, London.

St. Paul's Church, Goodwin, the gift of a friend in London, England.

Christ Church, Grande Prairie, the gift of a friend in England.

Re-Consecration of Church at Hythe, moved and enlarged.

We thank God that it has been made possible through the generosity and sacrifice of others to erect these buildings as Temples of God to be used in public worship. The first Synod of this Diocese was held at Fort Simpson on September 4th, 1876, and at that Synod Bishop Bompas, the first Bishop of Athabasca, used the following words in his charge or address delivered to the members of the historic Synod.

"Let us all make an effort to have some plain buildings erected at our different mission stations for Christian worship. The House of God is the chief visible sign which we are still allowed to retain of God's presence among us, and I take it to be of great importance that the heathen should be reminded, by this constant memorial before his eyes, that the introduction of Christianity into their country by the missionaries is a reality, and more than a mere tale; and I do not know of any way in which we may better seek to call down a Divine blessing on the land in which we live than by exerting ourselves for the erection of places of worship in the name of the Saviour whom we serve."

These words are still true. Through the blessing of Almighty God, it has been our great joy and pleasure to consecrate new Churches in this Diocese as centres of public worship where penitent souls may worship the God of their fathers and find forgiveness and peace.

OTHER EPISCOPAL ACTS

Nave of St. Alban's Church consecrated, and Font of St. Alban's Church, the gift of Mrs. R. Renison, dedicated.

Dedication of a new Font at St. John's Church, North Star, the gift of the W.A. of Jim Creek.

New Choir Stalls and Pews dedicated at Hythe, the gift of Constable Rivers.

Stained Glass Window at Christ Church, Grande Prairie, the gift of a Parishioner, dedicated.

Holy Table at Christ Church, Berwyn, the gift of friends, dedicated.

Altar rails at Faust, the gift of Faust, W.A., dedicated.

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OTHER NEW BUILDINGS

Dedication of the Bishop Young Memorial Hostel at Athabasca for boys. This building has been erected through the vision and energy and devotion of Archdeacon and Mrs. Little and is used as a home for boys who wish to take the Senior Grades of the Alberta High School course, which they are not able to do in their tiny country schools. This project has been remarkably successful. It is run at a minimum of expense and is operated under Christian influences. One of the boys, Donald Lennie, has obtained the Governor General's Medal for high standing in his examinations. We are also deeply grateful to Miss Hasell for supplying a Matron for this Institution during the school terms. We pray that God may richly bless this Institution and we hope that some of the boys may choose the Sacred Ministry as their life work.

Dedication of the Edith Layton Hall at St. Alban's Church, Three Lakes, the gift of Mrs. Layton, the daughter of Mr. Stanley J. Attenborough.

The new Parish Hall at St. Simon's Church, Clear Hills, has also been dedicated. This has been a successful venture of the Parishioners of Clear Hills.

Dedication of Malvern House on Diocesan Property next to Bishop's Lodge in Peace River. This is the gift of friends at Malvern, in England, and other friends of the Fellowship of the Maple Leaf, through Dr. Andrews. The Chapel in this building was consecrated. This is to be the centre of the women's work in this Diocese and has already proved of real value. This building will be a great asset to the Diocese.

The Bishop Bompas Memorial Hospital at Fort Norman, N.W.T., through funds obtained from the Dominion Government and a generous gift from the Anonymous Donor. The building is two stories and a half, for we can build no basement or cellar. Two feet below the ground surface, there are eternal frost and ice, and these reach down to unknown depths.

The following members of the staff have been chosen and are now on duty.—Matron and Head Nurse, Miss Frances Smith, R.N., Kitchen Matron, Mrs. W. H. Allison, Engineer, Mr. W. H. Allison. We bespeak the fullest co-operation and the most hearty support from the whole Diocese in the operation of this hospital in the Divine Ministry of Healing.

CHANGES IN THE EPISCOPACY

Great changes have taken place in the House of Bishops. We have lost many stalwarts and strong leaders, while new Bishops have been chosen and consecrated to fill their places, if that were possible. Since we last met, the following Bishops have retired:

Rt. Rev. A. D. A. Dewdney resigned as Bishop of Keewatin.

Rt. Rev. J. C. Farthing, the guide and friend of my boyhood days, resigned as Bishop of Montreal.

Rt. Rev. Rocksborough R. Smith resigned as Bishop of Algoma.

Most Rev. A. U. De Pencier resigned as Bishop of New Westminster.

The following Bishops have been called to higher service:

Rt. Rev. Walter Burd, Bishop of Saskatchewan.

Most Rev. John Andrew Richardson, Archbishop of Fredericton.

Most Rev. Archbishop Roper, of Ottawa.

New Bishops include:

Rt. Rev. Joseph Lofthouse, of Keewatin.

Rt. Rev. William Henry Moorhead, of Fredericton.

Rt. Rev. Arthur Carlisle, of Montreal.

Rt. Rev. H. D. Martin, of Saskatchewan.

Rt. Rev. G. F. Kingston of the Diocese of Algoma.

Rt. Rev. R. Jefferson, of Ottawa.

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As one by one the older Bishops retire or are called to the Church Triumphant, an ever increasing responsibility will rest upon the shoulders of the younger members of the Episcopate. We indeed ask for your prayers that in these days of stress and strain, we may be guided by the spirit of Almighty God.

Rev. Canon Gould called to Higher Service,—25 years of service,—Machray Avalanche, Restoration Campaign.

Rev. Canon Dixon, Loyalty, Co-operation,—as he begins his task as Secretary of the M.S.C.C.

There are many items of business to which this Synod must give its attention,—the acceptance of and the raising of apportionments by all Parishes, so that they may be paid in full. The Church itself must not fail in these trying days,—the consideration of the adequate and economical administration of insurance on all buildings within the Diocese, the financial provision for a Diocesan Secretary, if possible a Clergyman, who will give his full time to the care of the finances of the Diocese, the keeping of the financial books and records and the general well being of the Diocese. I pray that God may guide you all in these important matters.

I hope and pray that though this Diocese of Athabasca may be classed as a Missionary Diocese this phrase may not carry with it the picture of a Diocese which only receives but does not give. This Diocese must be called upon more and more to provide funds so that it may be more and more self-supporting. Two parishes now have the proud distinction of being self-supporting; what Parish will come next in this place of honour, though it will mean sacrifice. We must never rest upon our laurels. Each year, each Parish must assume a larger share of the support of its own Parish and the Diocese as a whole. Thus and thus alone, can we become strong. Moreover we must be ever anxious to find young people, both young men and young women, who will offer themselves, their lives and their all, in the services of the Christian Church. We deeply pray that God may raise up among us such Ambassadors of Christ. How we long for the day when some native Indian from one of our Indian Schools will offer himself for and study for the sacred Ministry of the Church. Already we are glad to announce that two young women of our Diocese who have been trained at St. Christopher's College, Victoria, are now serving their Church,—Miss Meta Miller, Peace River, as Girls' Supervisor at the Indian and Eskimo School at Aklavik, N.W.T., and Miss Janet Lawrence, Peace River, now serving in the Grande Prairie Van in this Diocese. We shall grow as we serve; we shall be blessed as we give.

WOMEN'S WORK

More and more, this is becoming a significant aspect of the Church work within our Diocesan borders. Through the Fellowship of the Maple Leaf in London and through the Western Caravan Fund of Miss Hasell, much excellent and permanent work is being done. We are deeply indebted to these two splendid organizations which are making this work possible. The Christ who accepted the work of faithful women accepts their work today. May God richly bless these noble women as they serve so faithfully and strive so earnestly.

W. A. under Mrs. Little.
Loyal Clergy and faithful Laymen.
Archdeacon Little, Chancellor Bury, Registrar Dixon Craig.

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I wish to speak in the highest terms of the various committees within the Diocese who under very difficult and trying circumstances carry on the work of their various departments, the Diocesan Board of Religious Education, the Council for Social Service within the Diocese, the Missionary Education Committee, and the Committee of Evangelism. Separated by great distances, practically all of their work must be carried on by correspondence. I plead for the utmost co-operation of all members of the Diocese, both Clerical and lay, to co-operate most fully with the Presidents and Secretaries of these Committees. Would it be too much to ask that letters from these officers should be immediately and fully answered. I am sorry to say that the secretaries of the above Committees speak so sadly and frequently of so many of their fellow members, both clerical and lay, who neglect to answer letters. This may seem a small thing, yet at the same time it is a most important matter. Surely God's business should require immediate attention.

There is another matter which I would emphasize. It is a reference to the part which we must all play in making life in rural districts better and happier.

We must now bring to rural life, to those who live upon farms of our Northland, those cultural and spiritual values which make life worth living and which lift that which is drab and monotonous to that which is attractive, beautiful and good. Every child in the Peace River Country should have the same opportunities for developing the innate talents which God has given him as a child in any city home. If he is musical, if he is artistic, if he is otherwise intellectually bright,—there should be open to him the opportunities for the development of these talents. Equality of talent is not the characteristic of humanity but there should be equality of opportunity for the development of God-given talents. This is the true value of Democracy; it should be the glory of our State. I therefore plead with you all, wherever you are placed in this endless Frontier Diocese of Athabasca, that you will do all in your power to bring to those among whom you serve opportunities for self development of every kind. I rejoice that Archdeacon and Mrs. Little have given an actual example of what can be done in this way for the development of educational facilities for every boy. In the little log school house, to which many a child has to walk four miles or more and back again in the evening, through rain and mud, through bitter cold and whirling blizzard, too many children find the beginning and the end of their education. Many of these schools carry the child only to the seventh or eighth grade. The Bishop Young Memorial Hostel at Athabasca gives the boys of that area the opportunity of taking the higher grades of High School including Grade 12, which is really a first year University grade. I hope that such facilities may be brought to centres such as Peace River, Grande Prairie and Fairview,—through our beloved Church. I commend the plan by which libraries have been placed in so many Churches and schools, largely through the plans and efforts of Lady Tweedsmuir and our Church of England Council for Social Service. Several of our Clergymen by means of lanterns and slides and through the use of small moving picture sets have brought to young and old in isolated areas pictures which widen the vision, which inform the mind and inspire the soul. Lectures from local or visiting speakers can be easily arranged in many Missions. I commend most heartily the plan of Musical Festivals and musical competitions which now are finding their way into every part of our Peace River Country. I rejoice that more and more Parish Halls are being provided and Community Halls where young people and older people also may find a happy outlet for their social instincts. Let us remember that our Church in the first century was a Fellowship, a *koinonion*. We are too prone to forget this fact in the twentieth century. Organized games in the summer, skating, hockey and skiing in the winter, provide a

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healthy outlet in the physical education of our young people. I would humbly suggest that wherever possible, these might be supervised by the Church. Nothing which is truly and deeply human should be foreign to our Church life. Mid-week activities among our young people as provided by various organizations, especially the A.Y.P.A. for the older young people, should be organized wherever possible, even though the numbers may be few. May our Church people take the lead in thus making rural life happy, attractive, clean, good and inspiring,—always placing the supreme value on the spiritual.

There is one more subject to which I would refer and that is Bible Teaching in our schools. This is a most important matter. I trust that the whole situation may be thoroughly covered in the report of the Diocesan Board of Religious Education. "Education without God makes clever devils,—devils which are more dangerous to society than stupid ones." The problem can be solved and must be solved or we will revert to a state of paganism. Today we are living on the spiritual resources of preceding generations. We are not replenishing that spiritual reserve and the content is rapidly running out. We must replenish it or spiritually perish. Many children, even in our Northland, know far more about the actors and actresses of Hollywood than they do about the heroes and heroines of the Bible. Once was written of England,—"England became a nation of a book and that book was the Bible." May Canada once more become a nation of the Bible, the Bible which is truly God's word, the most precious thing which this world possesses. "Herein is wisdom; this is the royal law; these are the living oracles of God." I ask for your special attention in this matter at this Synod. We have so frequently stated that our Nation must have as its foundation a Christian basis,—but we so often forget that the Bible must be the foundation of the Christian life.

EVANGELISM

Finally I bid you work for and pray for the spirit of Evangelism in our midst. Please pray for the School of Evangelism soon to be held in our Diocese.

I pray that the Spirit of the Living God may be present with us in this session, during these two days. I welcome you in the name of our Church and in the name of our Master. May God be with us all.

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STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR 1938

RECEIPTS

Balance in Banks February 12, 1938	\$ 3,527.43
From:	
S.P.G.	1,715.15
C.C.C.S.	1,440.75
M.S.C.C.	10,902.10
Dominion W.A.	785.02
Ottawa Diocesan Bd. W.A.	50.25
F.M.L.	810.17
Gen. Synod O.C.F.	376.73
Educational Grants, Mackenzie River Deanery	1,175.00
Donations for Stipends	694.38
Special Grants, Hines Creek, Sexsmith, McMurray	1,498.00
Diocesan Sources:	
For Stipend	\$4,394.35
M.S.C.C.	804.54
G.B.R.E.	60.00
C.S.S.	50.00
M.S.C.C. for Jews	24.57
Diocesan Synod	114.22
	\$ 5,447.68
Farm Rent	213.90
Refunds	61.95
Earned by Missions for Services Rendered	554.49
Refund Prov. Synod Excs.	117.40
Gen. Synod, Osler Fund Med. Aid for Missionaries	100.00
Clergy Cars, Itinerating	433.00
Grant from M. A. Orde Est. for Hay River	498.72
Grant for Wandering River Cottage	70.00
Mrs. Speke Towards Upkeep of Speke Hall	46.55
Clear Hills for Pension Fund, to be refunded	21.60
Wycliffe College Collection	10.39
G.B.R.E. per Canon Harrison	2.00
Bank Overdraft at Feb. 15th, 1939	143.06
	\$30,695.72

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Clergy Stipends	\$22,012.51
Insurance	857.00
Itinerating	574.13
Travelling	1,271.41
Motor Cars Upkeep	250.00

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House Rent		48.00
Freight: Mackenzie River Deanery:		
Rev. H. G. Huether	\$ 7.45	
Rev. G. A. Crawley	16.70	
Mr. G. R. Laing	24.22	
Rev. H. G. Cook	72.99	
Rev. H. L. Jennings	136.79	
Rev. S. E. Richards	16.27	\$ 274.42
Mission Freight		89.89
Printing and Typing		296.95
Stationery, Postage, etc.		253.99
Diocesan Synod Excs.		126.80
Summer Students Expenses:		
Salaries	\$1,113.00	
Itinerating	188.88	
Travelling	213.60	\$ 1,515.48
Church House Furnishing		195.98
Taxes		599.17
M.S.C.C.	\$ 794.54	
M.S.C.C. to Jews	23.82	
G.B.R.E.	60.00	
C.S.S.	50.00	\$ 928.36
Transfer of Land Fees		56.05
Pension Fund Revenue Account		113.70
G.B.R.E., Year Book		13.55
M.S.C.C. Service Sheets		4.65
Upkeep of Speke Hall, per Mrs. Speke		95.80
Mackenzie River Deanery Clergy Outfits		100.00
From F.M.L. Grant:		
Rev. F. E. Smith	\$ 154.10	
Miss J. Mallam	61.75	
Miss J. Sewell	15.00	\$ 230.85
Expenses of Delegates for Election of Bishop of Keewatin		117.40
Prov. Synod Assessment		7.50
Gen. Synod Assessment		10.00
Transfers:		
F.M.L. Account	\$ 110.17	
Clergy Transportation	133.00	
S.S. Post Account	25.00	
Trust H. Account	24.02	
Relief Account	15.00	\$ 307.19
Church Furnishings		88.50
Church House Furnishings		71.10
Church House Repairs		19.80
Lantern Generator, For Mission		8.00
Team of Horses, Hines Creek		70.00
Audit Fees		10.00
Exchange		.30
B. & F. Bible Soc. Hym Books, etc.		2.24
Grant to Church at McMurray		75.00

Audited and found correct \$30,695.72

N. SOARS, Official Auditor.

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GENERAL DIOCESAN ACCOUNT

DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1939

INCOME

From:		
S.P.G.	\$ 2,213.58	
C.C.S.S.	1,819.75	
M.S.C.C.	12,176.29	
Dominion W.A.	1,210.25	
General Synod O.C.F.	376.73	
Government Education Grants:		
Mackenzie River Deanery	2,435.00	
Earned by Missions for Services Rendered	550.00	
Special Donations for Hines Creek, Sexsmith, Ft. McMurray, and Goldfields	1,500.88	
Donations for Stipend Fund	3,006.97	
From Diocesan Sources:		
For Stipend	\$4,471.09	
M.S.C.C.	1,059.93	
C.B.R.E.	95.00	
C.S.S.	89.00	
M.S.C.C. for Work Among Jews	31.69	
Western Appeal	6.00	
Chinese War Sufferers	10.00	
Diocesan Synod Expenses	42.25	5,804.96
Foundation Endowment, Sexsmith	937.00	
General Synod, Osler Fund, Medical Aid for Missionaries	500.00	
Refunds:		
Provincial Synod	\$734.85	
Provincial Government Tax	8.69	
Fort Chipewyan	65.00	808.54
Farm Rent		148.75
Payment On Property		10.00
Wandering River Residence, donation		15.00
Cheques Received to Forward:		
For Berwyn	\$30.00	
Broadcasting	50.00	
S.S. by Post	4.00	
Hines Creek	3.00	87.00
For the Bishop's Fund		75.00
Sale of Bicycle		5.00
Transferred From Trust Account		47.55
Balance of O.C.F. Account Imperial Bank, Edmonton		2.43
Bank Loan—\$2,000.00 less interest		1,973.72
		\$35,704.40

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EXPENDITURE

Debit Balance from Last Year		\$ 143.06
Clergy Stipends	25,103.63	
Travelling and Itinerating	1,307.31	
Taxes	647.56	
Mackenzie River Freight:		
For Clergy	\$410.32	
For Missions	828.47	1,238.79
Help to Clergy and Families in Sickness:		
Salary Grants	\$321.00	
Travelling Grants	445.00	
Hospital Fees	70.00	836.00
Missionary Assessments:		
M.S.C.C.	\$1,072.00	
G.B.R.E.	83.00	
C.S.S.	66.00	1,221.00
Chinese War Sufferers	\$10.00	
Western Relief	1.00	11.00
Summer Students:		
Salaries	\$558.20	
Travelling	79.45	
Itinerating	49.62	
Equipment	42.55	729.82
Church House Furnishings		260.02
Insurance		680.88
Printing and Typing		689.00
Postage, Stationery and Telegrams		312.08
Expended On Church Property:		
Colinton Church House	\$100.00	
Wembley Church House	100.00	
Slave Lake, Lumber	346.73	569.73
Provincial Synod, Delegates Travelling Expenses		734.85
Provincial Synod Assessment	45.00	
General Synod Assessment	10.00	
Faith and Order Assessment	1.00	
Pension Fund Revenue Account	168.00	
Transfer of Land Fees	43.20	
House Rent	12.65	
Fuel, Yellowknife Mission	185.00	
M.S.C.C. Literature Department	4.50	
G.B.R.E. Supplies Department	79.57	
Moyers School Supplies	17.30	
Parish Equipment:		
Fort Vermilion	\$45.00	
Colinton	35.00	80.00
Berwyn, For Rent		30.00
Grande Prairie, Broadcasting		50.00
Mission Helper, Hay Lake		100.00
Diocesan Executive Expenses		10.00
Refunds:		
Department of Mines	\$50.00	
Hay River	41.10	91.10

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Transfers:			
Clergy Transportation		\$25.00	
Maple Leaf Account		50.00	
Trust A/C-H.		13.25	88.25
Lease Yellowknife Property			2.15
Audit Fees			10.00
Bank Interest			66.61
TOTAL EXPENDED		\$35,579.06	
Balance In Banks			125.34
			<u>\$35,704.40</u>

Certified Correct,
N. SOARS, Official Auditor.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE MAPLE LEAF ACCOUNT, 1939

INCOME

Fellowship of the Maple Leaf, London, England	\$1,660.91
	<u>\$1,660.91</u>

EXPENDITURE

Keg River	\$ 302.70
Grimshaw	522.00
Faust	422.20
Hondo	48.50
North Star	74.10
Malvern House	267.65
Miscellaneous	20.00
	<u>\$1,657.15</u>
Balance	3.76
	<u>\$1,660.91</u>

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LEASES

SPIRIT RIVER: Mr. Thomson continuing as tenant, to pay one third of the crop as rent.

FORT VERMILION: Tenant, Mr. Campbell, is considerably in arrears. He had promised to pay one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per month until arrears were met, but nothing has been received to date. The rent is \$25.00 per year. Such action as necessary to be taken by the Executive Committee.

ST. PETER'S, GROUARD: Rent, \$25.00 per year. Tenant Mrs. Thomson, considerably in arrears. Such action as necessary to collect to be taken by the Executive Committee.

POTTAGE FARM: Mr. Pottage has promised to complete the payment of the farm this year.

SHAFTESBURY: Mr. King has relinquished the lease. Property now leased to Mr. Fitzimmons at the same rate as to Mr. King, viz. \$100.00 per year.

BERWYN: The tenant, Mr. Johnson, now paying as promised.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Having been appointed Convener of the above committee by his Lordship together with two lay members I began to search for a method of approach. Almost immediately one lay member resigned and I shortly found that the other was strongly opposed to Missions as a whole. Your committee thus became a one man band.

The motive was to search out suitable material and forward it to the Clergy with the object of enabling them more easily to educate their people in the essential Whyness of Missions.

It has become very obvious that if Missions are preached and understood of the people there will then be little difficulty in raising our Missionary Apportionment. That thought has been the keynote of all the activities of this Committee. It has been stated repeatedly that no parish need fail in its apportionment if it has the simple faith to provide for the Missionary portion first and foremost and allow all local expenditure including stipend to take second place. Faith and hard work alone is required and all the necessary money will flow in, often from unexpected sources. This is a matter of practical experience. Certain it is that unless Missions are preached and practised the Church will die. Rev. L. Dixon.

The question of Missions raises such fundamental questions as:

What do we mean by Missions?

Why should we maintain Missions anywhere, whether in our own Diocese, the Dominion of Canada, or Overseas?

If there is no justification for the clergy in Eastern Canada supporting Missions Overseas, is there any justification for Missions in the West?

We as Missionary Clergy would not be consistent if we accept money earmarked for Missions and yet fail to support Missions elsewhere ourselves. Equally the laity who accept the services of Missionaries could scarcely be regarded as consistent if they refused their support. For in either case by accepting Missionary money or Missionary services we thereby imply our recognition of the principle of Missions.

This being so it is our duty as members of the Church of God, both Clerical and Lay, to propagate Missions in every possible way. A few principles are herein suggested.

1. Study. We must know whereof we speak. For this purpose there is now ample and adequate literature obtainable. Few sermons are more interesting than real mission sermons. It has been suggested however that few Clergy and fewer laymen could give good reasons for Missions.

2. Prayer. Learning first the need we pray intelligently. It is scarcely necessary to emphasize the need for prayer. Our prayers for Missions should be as regular as our prayers for the King. Pray in the Church, pray privately and encourage others to pray.

3. Sermons. By the use of the great bulk of literature now available and the distribution of pamphlets at the door following such a sermon considerable interest may be roused.

4. Study Groups. We fail in our ministry if we neglect to bring home to the various groups in our parishes the great need for Missionary Study. Again the very helpful literature now available will prove of immense help. A.Y.P.A.'s, W.A.'s and other such groups may find the new M.S.C.C. Bulletin and News Letter of the C.S.S. and other Church publications valuable. The Canadian Churchman itself should be much more widely

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read by every member of the Church and especially by its local Officers. There is room for much greater use of propaganda in every way, by pamphlet, by Parish Letter and from the pulpit. All will have its effect. But the principles of propaganda must be observed. An idea only takes hold when it is well hammered in.

A certain amount of literature has been sent out by your Committee. This included a circular to all clergy giving various reasons WHY Missions. Several letters embodying ideas for missionary propaganda, notes for a sermon on Missions and a Query addressed to all clergy which resulted in the following information, which cannot be regarded as complete for out of 25 questionnaires sent out, only 10 replies were received in spite of the fact that stamped and addressed envelopes were enclosed and the questions were so formed that they could all be answered in approximately two minutes:

Missions are taught through the G.B.R.E. lessons in eight of our Sunday Schools and in two others by other literature.

Seven W.A.'s make use of the Study Books, three do not.

Out of four A.Y.P.A.'s reported, three have discussed missions.

Six such organizations have accepted part responsibility for the Missionary Apportionment.

All those who answered preach Missions regularly and distribute material.

Eight of these found that literature was most effective when distributed at the door of the Church after a descriptive talk. Two enclose the material with a parish letter making mention of it.

There are six lanterns available, two out of repair. There is also one film slide lantern. All were willing to take part in an itinerary if the slides were good. It appears that they are so scattered that such an itinerary would be very difficult to arrange.

Apparently ten of the clergy in this diocese are interested in Missions. It is to be noted that these have such organizations as the A.Y.P.A. in their parishes and are active in other ways to spread the necessary Missionary information.

Your committee emphasizes again that no trouble will ever be experienced in raising not only the Apportionment in full but all needed money for all local expenses, including stipend, PROVIDED that the Missionary Apportionment is regarded as a first and sacred charge which must be met before any other expenditure is undertaken. This ought ye to do and not the other.

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REPORT ON THE BISHOP'S CHARGE

This Committee, acknowledges the recommendation from the Arch-deacon to the effect that the first six pages of the Bishop's Charge be typed and sent to each Parish to be read in the Churches.

THE APPORTIONMENT. This is perhaps one of the most important points for our consideration. Funds from England will inevitably be completely cut off. This Synod must immediately consider this problem and recognise that only by direct giving can the true solution be found. Delegates to this Synod should impress it upon their people that this is a more serious situation than any we have faced. It would be well that this should be done by the lay delegate at a service in the near future, and he should impress upon the congregation the duty of direct giving and its possibilities. Facts may be obtained from the clergy. But the clergy should not be asked to make the necessary statement. It comes with far more force and authority from a lay reader.

The Bishop comments on the need for young men and women to offer themselves for the service of the Church. If the Church in Canada is to thrive it must become indigenous or it will entirely lose the rising generation.

We are especially grateful to note the great increase in the work being done by women in this Diocese. We now have, in the winter, 21 permanent women workers, almost as many as the members of the clergy and doing an equally important work. This does not include those in Indian Schools. Here again we need indigenous workers. It is particularly noticeable this year that certain native born workers are achieving results far greater than even we had anticipated.

The various committees set up by the Synod and the Bishop to carry on the work of the Diocese must be mentioned. It is the chief complaint of the Secretaries that no one answers their letters. As an act of penitence all clergy and others concerned might now well resolve that hereafter they will answer such letters immediately. Secretaries might also note that they will be far more likely to secure answers if their questionnaires are so formed that they may be answered rapidly on the same sheet of paper. If addressed envelopes are included it might also expedite matters.

We now come to the point most stressed by His Lordship,—making rural districts better and happier. We agree heartily with all that the Bishop has said. It remains for this Synod to consider practical methods by which this result may be achieved.

Again as the Bishop suggests, interest on the part of local clergy in local amusements has the effect, not only of maintaining order but also tends to draw the people, especially the young people, into the Church. We know of at least one district where such interest has resulted in the young people refusing to play ball on Sunday at a time when it would conflict with service.

The Church must again become the centre of the Community. This cannot be accomplished by the clergy alone but requires the devoted services and leadership of the lay leaders in each point. The officers and others in each point must act for the clergy in this as in so many other matters in these huge and scattered parishes. They should lead the people, especially the young, in various organizations for sport and culture, and set their faces sternly against sports, etc., taking place at such time as will interfere with services.

This Committee wishes to place on record the Synod's sincere appreciation of the most thoughtful and inspiring charge His Lordship has presented in this time of great crisis.

K. L. SANDERCOCK, Convenor.

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PEACE RIVER RURAL DEANERY

Our first thoughts are with our gallant former colleague, the Reverend Hugh W. Lamberton, who has suffered a set-back in his brave struggle for health and strength. His Christian patience and cheerfulness is a source of inspiration to us all.

We have missed our friend, the Rev. S. G. West, who left us this last Spring to continue his ministry in the Diocese of Calgary. The Reverend A. Lord has tried valiantly to spread himself over the wide reaches of the High Prairie parish during the interval before the Rev. G. A. Crawley assumes control. In the Parish of Clear Hills and points North, Mr. A. Chapman has come to the rescue. The Deanery Chapter has met each year for discussion and fellowship. In the Spring of 1939 we were able to submit a number of resolutions which formed a prominent part of the Provincial Synod at Winnipeg.

We would recommend that consideration be given to a re-drafting of the form of Parochial Statistics. Also there is need for explanation as to just what is expected. To illustrate in one point only,—item 22,—number of Sunday Schools. One Rector reports 2, another 20, another 51.

Where it is impossible for the parish to keep certain buildings in proper shape, I feel the Diocese should take active measures.

WM. PRIOR, Rural Dean.

DEANERY OF MACKENZIE RIVER

The work of this Deanery has gone forward favorably during the past two years. Reports show that the attendance at Church has increased in every Parish. New Parishes have been opened at the mining centres of Goldfields and Yellowknife. Apportionments have been paid in full and a new hospital is being opened at Fort Norman this month.

FORT NORMAN—Where the Diocese ends and almost within the Arctic Circle the Rev. H. L. Jennings has been labouring faithfully and against great difficulties to re-open the "Church with the closed doors." He has ministered to the spiritual needs of the Fort Norman Indians. He has brought learning to their children and aid to their sick. This work is now to be strengthened by the new hospital that is to be opened there this summer.

Of this hospital one hears many comments and approvals. "It will fill a long-felt need" remarked one man. "It is the most practical and sensible building along the whole river," said another. Perhaps the clearest picture of the economic value may be seen from the experience of Fort Chipewyan last winter when a series of sickness seemed to attack the people. During this winter plane fares for sick people to and from hospital amounted to almost two thousand dollars, yet Chipewyan is only a short distance from several hospitals.

FORT SIMPSON—At this point the Rev. G. H. Cook, who is now out on furlough, has done excellent work for the past five years and is returning to a second term this autumn. He reports a successful year with some pupils ready for high school next term.

HAY RIVER—The Rev. S. E. Richards has many and varied duties and yet finds time to do considerable travelling and visit his Indian people at their winter trapping grounds. On one such visit he appealed to the people for the Western Appeal and brought back nearly forty dollars worth of fur.

FORT CHIPEWYAN—The past year has been the best that we have

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had at Chipewyan. New people with new ideas have increased the enthusiasm in Church activity, attendance has shown a decided increase and the spirit of giving to the Church appears to be growing. This year we have been able to pay all apportionments at the end of each quarter. This year our Church celebrated its sixtieth anniversary, having been opened by Bishop Bompas on Easter Day, 1880.

GOLDFIELDS AND YELLOWKNIFE—Seven years ago these two places were non-existent. Then gold was discovered, first at Goldfields and then at Yellowknife and the rush of settlers began. As each developed sufficiently to assure some degree of permanence, our Church opened Missions at each place and we trust that sure foundations for future development are being laid there.

G. A. CRAWLEY, Rural Dean.

DEANERY OF MACKENZIE RIVER

REPORT ON INDIAN WORK

The work of the Church in this Deanery falls naturally into three classes,—Purely Indian work, work with the mixed or Halfbreeds, and purely white work. Some Parishes have only one of these types of work while others are concerned with all three. The work among the Indian people is done mainly at Hay River, Fort Norman and at Fort Simpson.

At Fort Norman the Rev. H. L. Jennings reports that the Church is ministering to thirty-seven Indian members. There were more than a hundred adherents here at one period but the Church was closed for several long periods the last of which was for fourteen years, and many of the people were lost to our Church. The trend towards the R.C. Church has stopped since the mission was reopened as none of the people have gone over since that time. Several have been lost through death but we hope that this loss will be diminished considerably, when we get the new hospital opened. A few years ago a number of Indians migrated from the Yukon to Norman but owing to living conditions they returned to their former homes. Thus for commercial reasons we have lost three families.

It is due to the good influence of the Hay River Boarding School that the Indians have clung to their Church as well as they have through years of unshepherded life. Yet there is now no boarding school in this Deanery.

There is some hope of a school being opened but the location is not yet decided. While Fort Simpson is undoubtedly the most central and the Fort Norman Indians would prefer to send their children there, the old site at Hay River has much to commend it for a school.

1. The wisdom of Bishop Bompas chose Hay River.
2. An abundant supply of good fish is always available. This is a major item of diet for Indian children.
3. Freight rates are considerably lower to Hay River than to Simpson.
4. The new winter road to Hay River makes it possible to procure certain desirable articles during the winter months and further tends to lower the freight rate.

If the Church is to maintain its hold on the Indians of the Mackenzie it is necessary that a boarding school should be opened as soon as possible at either Fort Simpson or at Hay River. The day school does not take the place of a boarding school for several reasons.

1. The nomadic nature of the Indian life makes regular day school attendance impossible throughout the greater part of the year.

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2. Attendance cannot be enforced even when the children are in the settlement.

3. Discipline is hard to keep in a day school because any form of punishment tends to drive the children away from the school for the remainder of the time they remain near.

Further aid to the Missionary Work of the Deanery can be provided by supplying transportation facilities for both summer and winter use that more efficient visiting to the camps can be done.

The Bishop's visit to the Deanery should be timed to coincide with the annual gathering of the Indians at Treaty time and extended as long as possible at each place. The Indians look to the Bishop for special spiritual strength and encouragement.

G. A. CRAWLEY, Convenor.

DEANERY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE

You will remember in my predecessor's report for the Deanery of Grande Prairie mention was made of the extension work of the Deanery. I am pleased to say that the extension still continues and is now taking permanent form. The personnel is still the same with six clergy and the two students together with two women workers at Cherry Point in the winter. The area of Goodwin, Lindsay and points east has now its resident priest, Rev. B. J. Thorpe, of Montreal, for whom we have to thank the Montreal Branch of the Fellowship of the West. To further strengthen the work in that district we have now a Church and a small house, both of which were erected last year, and the Church consecrated. In the extreme west development has taken place at Gundy where the Sudetan Germans are settled and the Rev. N. Calland has already been there and administered the sacraments of the Church.

In the northwest corner of the deanery lies Cherry Point where we have now a Church and house built by funds given by Miss Hasell. I would like to make mention here of the wonderful work carried out by Miss Keiller and Mrs. Kenny, who, during the summer and winter of 1938 and 1939 worked at Cherry Point and strengthened the work of the Church.

The work in the Parish of Sexsmith has been strengthened by the erection of a Church at East Sexsmith and named St. Stephen's.

Spirit River has a new Church at Willowdale and Beaverlodge and a Hall at Lymburn in which they are able to worship each week. The Rev. Sandercock has opened up the territory south of the Wapiti and at Pipestone Creek, Aspen Dale and Mountain Trail.

No report could be complete without the mention of the work of the W.A. Last year they had a Deanery meeting at Beaverlodge and this year at Sexsmith. Special mention should also be made of the visit of our beloved Primate, the Most Rev. D. T. Owen, D.D., who spent a week in our Deanery visiting all the points. His visit was an inspiration to all.

Looking at the work of the young people, we have a very verile A.Y.P.A. Last year we planned a conference but owing to the outbreak of the war it had to be cancelled. However, this May we had a conference here in Grande Prairie which will long be remembered by all who attended. Both the Deaneries of Peace River and Grande Prairie were represented with 63 delegates attending. So enthusiastic were the delegates that it was decided to hold another this fall at Fairview. The Diocesan Council was re-formed and great things are anticipated.

Our Sunday School work still continues but mention will be made of this in the D.B.R.E. report.

In closing may I say that a happy spirit of fellowship permeates the

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whole Deanery, and although we have our little difficulties yet through a real spirit of co-operation the work of the Church is going ahead leading people in these difficult days.

T. DALE JONES, Rural Dean.

DEANERY OF ATHABASCA

The Rural Deanery of Athabasca is so large, and the clergy so far apart that it is not possible to hold Ruridecanal Meetings.

The outstanding event of the period was the visit of His Grace the Primate, whose kindness and graciousness will long be remembered by those who were privileged to entertain and to meet him. His visit coincided with the Diocesan W.A. Annual Meeting, July 12th and 13th, 1939. At their Corporate Communion, and at the noonday luncheon, His Grace was the speaker. Two other events arranged in his honor were the Public Meeting in the Rectory Garden, where he was officially welcomed by the Mayor, and the Layman's Conference. At both of these his addresses will long be remembered.

During this period we had the pleasure of welcoming the Rev. Geoffrey Guiton, of Kangra, and Miss Marie Foerstal, of the Diocese of Mid Japan, both workers in our Canadian fields. As we had never had foreign visitors before, their visits, one in 1938 and one in 1939, mark an epoch with us.

We are most grateful to Miss Hasell for her continued help; her well chosen helpers have been a great source of strength to the work in the places rarely visited by the Clergy; their zeal in making contacts with people of all denominations is much to be commended.

In the winter of 1938-39 Miss Pym and Miss Patterson laid firm foundations of Church Teaching among the Ukrainian population at Wandering River and Amesbury, with their Sunday and week-day activities. Last year, unfortunately, we could not obtain any successors. Miss Stockford and Miss Wood were at Lac La Biche, each for a winter in this period. To Miss Stockford in particular, we acknowledge our indebtedness for her work when the Boys' Hostel was opened, and for coming to our rescue again for a month last September. We hope she can come again. At Grassland, Miss Barlee has worked for two winters, and has obtained splendid results. This place has a large child population, and a school of two rooms, so that she was kept busy every day with different groups of children. The Church shack is adjacent to the school grounds. I know that this Synod will want to send a message of thanks and encouragement to Miss Hasell.

BUILDINGS—Under the leadership of Mr. Randell, Holy Trinity Church, Grassland, was built by the people and consecrated on August 28th, 1938. In the fall of 1938, also, the Church at Waterways, at the end of steel, and four miles from McMurray, was consecrated.

WOMEN'S WORK—There are 12 Senior Branches of the W.A. in this Deanery and one Guild. There are four Girls' Groups, two Juniors and two C.B.L. groups registered. Other activities are included in undenominational Town Groups, Girl Guides, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts and Young People's Clubs.

The work of the W.A. in supplying comforts in the Parishes and in helping to raise the Parish Apportionment, is greatly appreciated; but we look forward to the time when the W.A. may be set free from the latter.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK—Four Parishes reported a total of 446 pupils and 38 teachers in 1939. The devotion of our teachers is something we are thankful for. Seven Teacher Training Diplomas, issued by the

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G.B.R.E. were obtained in 1939, three in All Saints, one in St. John's, Baptiste Lake, and three in Holy Trinity Parish. The Text Book studied was Leading the Children. The Leaders were Mrs. Little, Miss Rainsford Hannay and Mrs. Day, at different times of the year. The foreign-born students were especially complimented on their high mark by Dr. Hiltz.

In 1939 six Junior and four Senior pupils passed the examination set in May. In 1940 twelve Senior pupils and three Juniors wrote, and all passed, the highest mark being 97%.

The Young People of the Deanery whom we can reach in Athabasca are invited to a Sunday Rally each year in March; they come considerable distances to be present for the afternoon meeting in a hired hall, and for tea in the Church room, followed by Evensong in All Saints'. Eighty-nine attended in 1939 and 63 in 1940, the numbers being affected by the enlistment of so many of our boys, and by the weather. In 1939 the main item was the set of slides, Ye shall be my witnesses. In 1940 the main item was the showing of films and slides by Mr. H. P. Brown of the Department of Extension.

PROGRESS—We feel that the Church work in our Deanery is in a healthy, hopeful condition. In the two years there have been 252 baptisms, 222 infants and 30 adults. There have been 86 confirmations. This report includes four Parishes only, for Wabasca has not reported since the Rev. K. L. Sandercock removed to Wembley.

ROBERT LITTLE, Archdeacon, Rural Dean.

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DIOCESAN BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

My Lord Bishop and Gentlemen:

The Diocesan Board of Religious Education has been functioning now since 1936 and as the years go by it is very noticeable that a greater interest is being taken in its work. It is very difficult in this western country to find capable leaders so naturally the onus of the work falls upon the shoulders of the clergyman. At the last synod the personnel of the D.B.R.E. was completely changed and with distances being so great it has been impossible to hold one meeting when all the members could be present. However by mail we have been able to carry out as far as we could the many duties entrusted to us.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN THE SCHOOLS—It is gratifying to read that more and more attention is being paid to Religious Instruction in the schools. In many cases the local boards have co-operated with the local Clergy with the consequent result that the pupils have been able to receive visits from the Clergy during school hours.

SPECIAL SOCIAL SERVICE—Many of our Sunday School scholars attend Sunday School in areas of a pioneer nature, through our Bishop and the Council of Social Service all our less fortunate schools received gifts for Christmas. In our Diocese 28 schools were adopted with a total 567 pupils by Sunday Schools, Bible Classes, Junior Congregations, W.A. Branches, Ladies' Aids and Guilds, Individuals, A.Y.P.A. and Mothers' Groups.

SUMMER CAMPS—Under the heading of youth programmes comes summer camps. This is one of the finest ways of approach to our young people. From reports received camps have been held at Lake Saskatoon, Ponton Lake, Faust and Battle River.

More of these camps should be held so that under the healthy, happy conditions, our boys and girls can live and work and play together. I would like to see in the future when conditions are more normal strategic points selected and cabins built so that the difficulty of procuring tents would be eliminated.

BIBLE READING—It is essential that we encourage more Bible reading and remember the Diocese still offers a prize of a Bible or Prayer Book for those who are willing to learn the many passages prescribed.

TRAVELLING LIBRARIES—In nearly every Parish in the Diocese through the efforts of our Bishop, Lady Tweedsmuir, and friends in the East and West of Canada we have a small library from which people can borrow books and other reading material.

CFGP—One of the greatest assets to us here in this Northland is the presence in our midst of a radio station. The programmes have been heard as far north as Coronation Gulf; Dawson City and Yellowknife. Through the courtesy of the management and the co-operation of the Clergy of Grande Prairie daily half hour programmes of meditation is broadcast.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS—And finally in the realm of young people it has always been the aim of this Board to encourage different young organizations. In the Athabasca Deanery the young people meet twice

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a year for fellowship and edification. The Church Boys' League is fostered in other Parishes. The Junior W.A. and the C.G.I.T. are going strong too. In the Deanery of Grande Prairie and Peace River the A.Y.P.A. is quite strong and now with the formation of a Diocesan Council great things are expected.

As you see by this report the work of the D.B.R.E. is very extensive and the Board trusts that greater co-operation of the Parishes will be given.

If we educate our people along religious lines then we can go forward in faith knowing full well that God will bless our efforts.

T. DALE JONES, Chairman.

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REPORT OF EXAMINING CHAPLAIN

Since the last Synod Sessions the only examination set for Candidates for Priest's Orders was for the Rev. A. Lord, which proved quite satisfactory. Other cases of new men in the Diocese were for the more remote appointments, in each case the qualifications were carefully scrutinised.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS—A total of 41 papers in 1939; a total of 53 papers in 1940.

In the year 1939 I examined the following papers: Christ Church S.S., Grande Prairie, 2 papers, average mark 68. All Saints S.S., Athabasca, 10 papers, average mark 55. There were no failures in this group.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BY POST—Twenty-nine papers were written, average mark 45. There were 10 of this group who failed to reach the pass standard of $23\frac{1}{3}\%$. The highest mark was obtained by Helen Muriel Moran of Rolla, B.C., 96.

In the year 1940 there was a marked increase in quality.

Christ Church S.S., Grande Prairie, three papers, average mark 75. All Saints S.S., Athabasca (including two moved to Fort McMurray) 15 papers, average mark 71. There were no failures in this group.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BY POST—Thirty-five papers written, average mark 63. There were two failures only. Highest mark, Marie Berry, of Grosmont, 94.

WM. PRIOR, Examiner.

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COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE

The secretary of the Council for Social Service in a letter to the members of the council and the clergy dated March, 1939 stated: "In reality every parish priest and every layman of the Church is a social servant. The D.C.S.S. stands but to organize and co-ordinate the work that is done in the parishes." Previous to the setting up of the council by last Synod, the social service work of the Diocese was done largely by the Rural Deans and the Diocesan President of the Women's Auxiliary. As the burden of the work has grown it was felt that a Committee should be formed to aid in the attempt at a solution of social problems, which though not always the same, are very similar in every Parish.

The following questions have been dealt with during the last two years:

DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF CLOTHING—It is the opinion of the Bishop and the members of the council, that during the present crisis, when demands can no longer be made upon the people of the British Isles (they having even more acute problems of their own) the distribution of relief must be made only to those in real need.

Another problem which has had our attention is that of the Foreign-Born. This has related to the possibility of obtaining workers speaking the various languages, also the need for special literature to use among these people. Today the work among the foreign-born has been made more difficult by the war. The great task of the Church now is to help these perplexed peoples to see that racial differences do not make for unchristian acts or attitudes being taken towards them.

The higher education of our young people is also our care. We observe with great admiration the splendid example set by Archdeacon and Mrs. Little in the building of the Bishop Young Memorial Hostel. We feel that the young people of our Diocese should be carefully shepherded. The rigid system adopted by the totalitarian states for educating youth in the Nazi, Fascist or Communistic creeds cannot be offset by the sometimes careless indifference shown in democratic and so-called Christian states. In some of our districts the boys and girls coming to High School, board themselves in small shacks, the only way open to them. They are without any proper supervision at a very critical time of their lives. It is our hope that more can be done, following the Archdeacon's example, to help build up the spiritual side of the lives of these young people by closer contact with them through the hostel system.

Sabbath observance, (including the question of the growing extent of Sunday games, commercial advertising on Sunday, the closing of stores for trade on that day) has had our consideration.

The secretary communicated with representatives of all religious denominations in the Peace River district with a view to obtaining more time for religious broadcasting over C.F.G.P.

We would draw your attention to the very fine work being done by the general council through its publications. The last, the twenty-fourth report, is entitled "Worship and Work In Wartime," and deals with the important questions of the hour.

S. J. BELL, Chairman and Acting Secretary.

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COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM (Abbreviated)

The work of the Committee since the last Synod Session has been along the lines laid down in the last report. Emphasis has been laid upon the deepening of the spiritual life of clergy and laity alike because the smoldering embers must be fanned into a blaze before its purifying effect can be spread around. The Committee has stressed the use of the "Forward Day by Day" pamphlets and the increasing numbers of those who are using them with regularity and enjoyment is very encouraging.

Chiefly owing to the influence of Bishop Sovereign, we are to have from July 7th to July 14th a School of Evangelism, to be held at Peace River. The clergy and lady workers have already received information from time to time as to the personnel of the visiting Missioners, their plan of operation, the places where Services will be held, on the Sundays as well as the week days of the Mission. Stress has been laid upon the necessity of earnest preparation by prayer and personal witness and invitation in order that great blessings may result.

On behalf of the Committee on Evangelism,

WM. PRIOR.





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